Met Office Mountain Weather Forecast

Brecon Beacons National Park

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 31 Aug 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 01 Sep 2023

Forecast Issued on Thursday 31 Aug 2023 at 00:29

Confidence: High for the generally changeable weather continuing this week and then for a change to more settled and warmer conditions this weekend. Some uncertainty regarding timings of showers/rain and low cloud on Thursday and Friday.

Headline for Thursday 31 Aug 2023: Wet and murky for much of the day. Drier and perhaps brighter later.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 31 Aug 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Drizzle	Cloudy	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
70%	90%	80%	60%	30%	30%

Forecast for Thursday 31 Aug 2023

Weather: Thickening cloud with rain, often heavy, arriving around dawn. The rain may ease somewhat by early afternoon, but it will probably stay quite damp with periods of drizzle for a time. Perhaps brightening up by late afternoon, even with a few sunny intervals, but the risk of further heavy rain in the evening. Feeling warm and humid in any late-afternoon brightness, but overall rather cool for much of the day.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 60%, falling to 10-20% during the morning, improving to 70% later in the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Periods of cloud above 400-500m soon becoming widespread and persistent above 400m and periods where it will lower to 200-300m. Most likely improving markedly (some uncertainty) from mid-afternoon to patches above 600m, however there's a chance cloud may persist on many slopes for longer. Often poor or very poor visibilities in rain, drizzle and low cloud, occasionally becoming good later in the day, especially at lower levels, although distant hills probably remaining hazy at best with high humidity air arriving.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	12/17 SE	19/25 SE	17/23 SE	14/19 S	12/16 SW	9/13 SW	7/10 SW
300	3/9 SE	6/14 SE	8/17 SE	8/16 S	6/13 SW	5/11 SW	4/7 SW
Valley	3/5 E	7/14 E	6/12 SE	6/14 SW	5/13 SW	5/11 SW	3/7 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	9/6	10/6	12/8	13/11	13/11	12/10	11/10
300	10/10	12/10	14/12	16/15	15/14	13/12	12/12
Valley	11/11	12/11	14/13	16/16	16/15	13/13	13/12
Freezing Level*	3100m	3100m	2900m	2600m	2500m	2400m	2400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Pack the waterproofs with a thoroughly wet morning expected. Navigation will be challenging on featureless or unfamiliar terrain with widespread hill fog. Skies may brighten later in the day, but this is uncertain.

Recent rainfall: measured at Neuadd: altitude 353m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
02:00 on Thu 31 Aug 2023	0mm	3.2mm	3.6mm

Forecast for Friday 01 Sep 2023

Weather: Areas of low cloud developing during the early hours with a few pockets of mist and fog in the valleys as well. This generally clearing by mid-morning to leave bright or sunny intervals but also a chance of a few showers. Whilst the showers will probably be isolated and many places will stay dry, where they occur they will be slow-moving. Showers possibly continuing into the evening, but most areas staying largely dry with some sunshine. Feeling much warmer in the light winds.

Maximum wind: 5-10 mph, gusting 15mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops 600m: 40% improving to 90% by mid to late morning.

Low cloud and visibility: Early valley fog and patchy cloud above 400m, lifting to ragged patches above 700-800m mid-morning and then lifting above the summits. Patches may form above 700-800m associated with any afternoon showers. Much better visibilities than on Thursday with often very good visibility, but poor/very poor in fog and locally moderate in heavier showers.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 11 Celsius rising to plus 21 Celsius.
At 600m: Plus 12 Celsius rising to plus 16 Celsius.
Freezing level: Well above the summits.

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